



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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The Testimony of a Towel

“In John 13 of Scripture, imagine being in the presence of Jesus as He stoops down to wash the dusty feet of His disciples. This act of humility and servanthood speaks volumes about the character of Jesus and the values He wants us to embody. Jesus flips the script in a society where status and power often define one’s worth by showing that true greatness comes from serving others. Jesus demonstrates humility and emphasizes the importance of serving others with love and compassion by washing the feet of His disciples. This act challenges us to examine our own attitudes towards serving and to consider how we can follow Jesus’ example in our own lives. It reminds us that true leadership is about selflessly putting the needs of others before our own, just as Jesus did for His disciples.

So, the next time you find yourself in a position to serve others, remember the powerful lesson Jesus taught through washing His disciples’ feet. Let His example guide you in showing humility, kindness, and love to those around you, regardless of their status or background. Embrace the role of a servant leader and watch how it can transform not only the lives of others but also your own heart.”

God’s Blessing

Bill & Jette Lindsay Scholarship

The trustees will offer scholarship money to any student who will be enrolled in college this coming fall 2026 semester. Contact the church office for a form or go to fccdoc.org, click on Resources and Schedules under Get Connected, and return it to the church office **by Thursday, July 23.**

Church Directory

I am in the process of updating the church directory. If any of your information needs to be changed for the new book, please send that information to Barbara at barbara@fccdoc.org.

Board Meeting

There will be a Board Meeting on **Sunday, July 12, at 6:00 pm.**

Elders will meet after the meeting to choose their chair.

There will be a deacons meeting for ALL deacons after the meeting. This meeting will consist of training and expectations.

There are ministry sign-up sheets available in the narthex and on the table by the elevator. All elders and deacons are expected to serve on a ministry, which is also available to any church member.

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, July 12, 9:00 am | Intergenerational Sunday School Class |
| • Sunday, July 12, 6:00 pm | Board Meeting |
| • Sunday, July 12, following | Elders’ and Deacons’ Meetings |
| • Monday, July 13, 9:30 am | Serve at Hope Campus |
| • Tuesday, July 14, 10:00 am | DWF Group 4 |
| • Tuesday, July 14, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Blue Ember, 8000 Phoenix Avenue |
| • Wednesday, July 15, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, July 15 | NO Pastor’s Bible Study (12:00 and 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, July 16, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, July 16, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |
| • Thursday, July 16, 2:00 pm | Book Club |

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

- July 12 Solo: Dianna Jackson
- July 19 Bell Duet: Amber Kirkendoll and Brad Kidder
- July 26 Solo: Mary Beth Oliver

MEMORIAL: We gratefully acknowledge the following gift, given as a thoughtful expression of sympathy and of care...

- **Kim Trusty** by John & Margot Mundy

Hope Campus News

We are collecting ground coffee. Unused plasticware from takeout food is also appreciated.

Elder for July

Connie Alexander

Deacons for July

Paula Friday (Foreman), Walter Ahart, Max File, Terry Hales, Barbara Lynch, Calvin Reed, Jennifer Sanchez, David Williamson

Greeters for July

Walter Ahart, Calvin Reed
Disciples Hall Entrance: Max File

Prepare Communion for July

Jennifer Sanchez

Prayer Concerns

- **Walter Ahart**
- **Ruth Carson**
- **Betty Cashin**
- **Linda Creekmore**
- **Joy Jackson**
- **Ben Maxey**
- **Nick Oliver**
- **Kristi Williamson**

Book Club News

Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month at **2:00 pm** in the Administration Building. We will discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger at our **July 16** gathering. All are welcome!

August 20 *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans

DWF Yearbook

Disciples Women are updating their yearbook. If any of your information needs to be changed for the new book, please send that information to Lula Hanson at 479-646-5852 or lulajane@cox.net.

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FOR THE RECORD July 5, 2026	
Operating Receipts	\$ 5,601.00
Endowment	1,095.00
Children’s Building Offerings	50,917.00
Balance Due	43,083.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$ 29,990.00

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 am-3:00 pm - Monday-Thursday

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday School at 9:00 am; Worship at 10:00 am

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson, Senior Pastor, 479-651-0456
Dianna Jackson, Director of Music Ministry
Mary Beth Oliver, Organist
Barbara Brown, Office Administrator
Pam Shelby, Financial Administrator
Lesley Fleming, Nursery Attendant
Rev. Howard Marshall, Pastor Emeritus (1990-2022)
Rev. Randy Jay, Pastor Emeritus